

SOCCER NEWS

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Hakoah and South Melbourne Hellas prepare to meet visitors

TWO WORLD CLASS TEAMS COMING

Two more leading overseas Soccer club teams are going to make a brief appearance in Melbourne.

The leading Israeli team Hapoel will be here later in the month and is due to play a match against Hakoah and South Melbourne-Hellas at South Melbourne Cricket Ground on September 1.

Hapoel are due to open their visit with a game against Sydney's Hakoah club under floodlights at the Sydney Athletic Field on August 25 and there is a chance of another match being arranged against a N.S.W. representative side.

And negotiations have almost been completed for Sweden's current glamor club AIK Stockholm to come here in November.

It is proposed that AIK Stockholm will play games in Sydney against St. George Budapest and Prague and a match in Melbourne against an opponent to be decided.

AIK Stockholm is leading the Swedish championship on goal averages from Malmö FF and seven of its players have won international caps for Sweden.

It is becoming a highly profitable venture for local clubs to arrange such "hit and run" matches against a leading team from Europe which happens to be making a tour of the East.

OLYMPIC PARK MAY STAGE NIGHT GAMES

The next Night Soccer series in Melbourne has a good chance of being played under lights at Olympic Park.

This was revealed this week by Mr. E. A. Avery, Secretary-Manager of the Olympic Park Committee of Management.

The Hon. P. L. Coleman, chairman of the committee, forecast that the lights would be up in time for the series earlier this year.

The floodlighting scheme, which is costing thousands of pounds, is hoped to be finished before January 21, 1966.

If this is so, the next night series will not be played at South Melbourne Cricket Ground as has been the practice during the past three years.

DELAY

Main problem for the four lighting towers will be the delivery of the steel. There has been a delay in deliveries from the steel industry in recent months.

"We are trying to get the contract completed by January 21, but it will depend a lot on the steel," said Mr. Avery.

The committee have not obtained advertising assistance to help with the cost of the project as they had hoped, but they are going ahead all the same.

Mr. Avery said the lighting would be the best at any sports ground in Victoria.

The outer cover for Olympic Park Soccer ground to hold 12,000 people also will be completed before January 21 next.

Third round of Cup

Here are the sixteen teams from Metropolitan and Country Soccer left in the third round of the Dockerty Cup to be played on grounds of first-mentioned teams on Saturday, September 4:

Monash v. Altona; Moreland v. Pegasus (Morwell); Makedonia v. University; Essendon v. Ringwood; Bell Park v. Park Rangers; Olympic v. Box Hill; Libertas v. South Yarra; Athens v. Coburg.

Sloan may join St. Albans

St. Albans, the leading second division club, want Paddy Sloan as their coach.

Late last night St. Albans were negotiating to sign Sloan for the rest of the season.

Peter Ermstrang, president, told Soccer News yesterday:

"We have already spoken to Sloan and he's very interested."

"We need a man of his experience to put St. Albans in the State League in two years."

Sloan is a former English first division and Milan (Italy) inside forward.

He successfully coached Hellas to their championship last year.

Croatia goalie Chetcuti dives into the mud in a vain attempt to stop the ball at Olympic Park on Saturday. Juventus centre-forward Jimmy Molloy stumbles as he trips over Chetcuti. But he soon recovered his balance and banged the ball into the net.

And there he is (right) dashing away gleefully, after scoring the goal. Chetcuti looks forlornly at the happy centre. Wonder what he's saying to himself?

£100 Broken Hill Cup on

The Broken Hill Soccer Federation plans to hold a Broken Hill Cup competition on Saturday, October 30, for £100 cash and a cup.

The Federation is inviting any Victorian team to take part in the competition as an end-of-the-season trip.

Any teams interested can contact Rudolph Alagich, secretary, P.O. Box 24, Broken Hill South.

REF'S MATCH

A team of referees will play Rola in a social match at Springvale Soccer ground on Sunday at 2.30 p.m.

See Lions' 5 new star players

LIONS v. HAKOAH

SATURDAY

Montgomery Park, Essendon

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World Cup won't affect tour here

A decision for the Italian championship to finish two months earlier than usual luckily means that the new World Cup arrangements will not affect next year's tour of Australia by the world famous A.S. Roma.

It had been thought that the proposal for Australia's World Cup team to go to London at the end of May would throw the visit of Roma into confusion.

The Italian Soccer season usually finishes at the end of May.

But according to Australian Soccer Federation

the season has been brought forward by two months in order to give Italy's World Cup team a thorough preparation for the finals later in the year.

But by a touch of irony there is now a strong possibility that Italy will fail to qualify for the final stages of the World Cup.

Matches against Scotland on a home and away basis

which of the two countries will gain a place in the final 16 of the competition.

Each team is unbeaten and has gained five points from its previous qualifying games.

And barring an injury to Europe's Player of the Year, Denis Law, there is no reason why the Scottish team should not go on



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World Cup just a joke!

By MARTIN ASTON

MOST leading European critics are saying that Australia's presence in next year's World Cup finals would be something of a joke.

And much of the blame for our team being given such an easy passage into the final stages of the competition is being given to the FIFA president Sir Stanley Rous.

A typical example of this occurs in an editorial in the influential and mass circulation "France Football".

"Australia is qualifying almost automatically as a result of a mass withdrawal of the 15 African entrants and reluctance of South Korea and North Korea to meet each other," says the editorial.

"Some wagging tongues have even gone as far as to insinuate that FIFA president Sir Stanley Rous has his hand in the draw which gives a berth in the finals to his Australian friends."

"Whether this is true or not, the fact remains that Australia's presence in England would be something of a joke despite the growth of Soccer in that country."

The editorial also criticises FIFA for giving Australia a chance to gain entry to the finals by having to play only one match while such famous Soccer countries as Yugoslavia, Italy, West Germany and Austria are in danger of failing to qualify.

It seems to me that Australia is going to have the last laugh.

Our young players who showed such courage and fight in holding Chelsea to a draw on two occasions will be given the chance of gaining further experience by playing against and watching such world famous players as the Brazilian star Pele.

BACKGROUND TO SOCCER

And according to World Cup committee chairman Jim Bayutli, there is no doubt that Australia's touring team will make a healthy profit from the World Cup venture.

A win over North Korea will mean that Australia will spend the month before the World Cup finals playing a series of preliminary matches against leading club teams in England and Europe.

"We know that Everton and Chelsea are willing to play against us and there are many others," said Mr. Bayutli.

"We have arranged a match against Roma at the Olympic Stadium, in Rome, on a 50-50 basis from which I would be prepared to cut my throat if we do not clear around £15,000."

"As well as this, Bill Walkley, our president, has organised three matches in Teheran, in Persia, from which we will get 2,000 dollars each."

Mr. Bayutli claims that people in Australia had no idea of the significance of an Australian team gaining a place in the final 16 of the World Cup series.

"It is the biggest sporting event in the world and several weeks ago a national holiday was declared in Argentina because their World Cup team qualified for the finals by beating Paraguay 3-0," he said.

AN outstanding Soccer goal-keeper who carries the nickname of "a quarter past nine" is struggling to find his form in the second grade team of Sydney's St. George Budapest club.

He is the former Scottish International star Frank Haffey.

Haffey gained his nickname from the score when he played in goal for the Scotland team which suffered a crushing 9-3 defeat by England three years ago.

But there can be no doubting the fact that he's one of the greatest players ever to come here because it is said that they are still talking about "Haffey's final" when he gave a magnificent display Glasgow Rangers in 1963.

He has brought with him a full length film of the game which was presented to him to mark his achievement.

But at the moment the 6 ft. 4 in. Haffey is having difficulty regaining his touch after a lay off from the game of eight months.

It was extraordinary to see Haffey in one goal and a former Real Madrid star Adanias Iglesias in the other in last Sunday's second grade match between Budapest and Apia.

Iglesias lost his place in the Apia first team at the start of the season because of the splendid form of Australia's young World Cup goal-keeper John Roberts.

BRIAN Harris, who delighted local Soccer fans with his clowning as well as his brilliant play when Everton toured here last season, is up for sale. And the price on his head is £12,000.

Already second division Coventry City and Plymouth Argyle are showing interest in securing the services of a player who appeared almost certain to join Sydney's Apia club at the start of the season.

But Harris managed to gain a regular first team place with Everton during the last English season following the life suspension of the club's £80,000 left half Tony Kay on a charge of accepting a bribe.

It would appear as though Everton are planning to embark on another big team building spurge into the transfer market because former Scotland full-back Alex Parker also has been placed on the transfer list.

Seven years ago Everton paid £17,500 to Falkirk for Parker but because he has given the club such outstanding service a "bargain" figure of only £5,000 has been placed upon him.

A GROUP of leading officials are still determined to start a National League competition next year and one of the clubs which wants to be in it is South Melbourne-Hellas.

A leading Hellas official said this when he was in Sydney recently.

The proposal at the moment is that there should be four N.S.W. teams in the competition and three of them would be Apia, South Coast and Pan Hellenic.

All of these clubs have a big following and plenty of financial backing.

Several unofficial discussions already have been held to decide which will be the fourth club from the Sydney competition.

At the moment the indication is that it will be the result of an amalgamation between Prague, Hakoah and Yugal although there would be a lot of things to be thrashed out before such a club would come into being.

Perhaps it could be called "New Australian United".

Morrie Buckner says...

THE New South Wales Federation is said to be alarmed at the drop in average weekly attendances at their top division games. Last year the games attracted an average weekly attendance of 19,300. So far this year, the average is 13,832. No doubt the Federation is looking for reasons — and scapegoats.

IT DOESN'T HAVE TO LOOK FAR!

Any group of Soccer administrators who imagine that they can do anything to help Australian Soccer by telecasting a full game every Sunday, as the Federation is doing in Sydney, lacks any sense of business values.

Let's face the truth. In spite of some good passages of play and a number of excellent individual performances, our overall standard of Soccer is not high. To telecast it is not a good advertisement for the game. It will not "sell" new customers. And to telecast games on Sunday is an open invitation to regular customers to stay at home.

Another obvious reason for dropping Sydney attendances can be seen in the ladder rankings. When teams like Pan-Hellenic and Polonia are at the bottom of the ladder, average attendances are bound to fall.

Just imagine what would happen to Melbourne's attendances if Hellas and George Cross dropped to the bottom of the ladder.

FINALLY, until Soccer finds and uses the means to attract a reasonable amount of support from our tremendous population of British newcomers, the gates will never grow.

There are over 250,000 people from the United Kingdom now living within 25 miles of Melbourne's G.P.O. If 10,000 of these — a mere 4 per cent. — could be attracted to State League Soccer every week, the game and the clubs would get a tremendous boost.

But Soccer must be sold to these people by recognised marketing methods. I have told the administrators time and time again the fundamentals of these methods. But they are too stupid to listen.

Any business which fails to make use of suitable marketing methods is heading for one of two possible fates — to remain small and poor, or to be steamrollered out of existence by powerful competition.

Club administrators have dreamed up a national league in an effort to save their bacon. This may revive interest for a brief period. Then it too will wither away because of the lack of expert marketing — marketing of **THE RIGHT KIND TO THE BIGGEST EXISTING MARKET.**

TAKE last Saturday's game between Hakoah and Slavia at Middle Park, for instance. This was a match between two all-British teams.

Apart from the fact that Hakoah's forwards — with the exception of Jim O'Neill — were completely out of touch and easily held by Slavia's superb defence.

Lost a leg — he's a fan now

One of the most popular players ever to play in Portuguese Soccer — free-scoring centre, Fernando Peyrot of Sporting Club — lost his right leg through amputation. Now he is a keen spectator.

● The 1965-66 Soccer Year Book reveals that Alan Villiers who was recently transferred from Hakoah to Wilhelmina played two league and one cup game for Scottish second division club, Montrose, while he was back in Scotland on holiday.

● Sandy Jones played his first full game for Slavia against Hakoah last week. For although the big centre has been with Slavia since early April he got badly injured in his first game against J.U.S.T. on April 10 and was carried off after 43 minutes play.



fence, this match displayed an excellent standard of Soccer.

Yet its attendance was about 500. And the British element in this tiny crowd was virtually nil. What a waste of talent! But talent, like every other product, must be sold — intelligently, scientifically, and professionally.

And it is precisely in the marketing aspect of its sport that the Federation appears, to be completely barren of experience and ideas.

I SAW the first half of the Juventus-Croatia game at Olympic Park on Saturday, and the confidence with which the Juventus players took to the water made me think that they must do their training in a swimming pool.

Then I crossed to Middle Park in time to see the players take the field for the second half. I was pleased to see Sandy Jones back in Slavia's line-up. He was a little tentative, perhaps, but he was back nevertheless. And I was surprised to see coach Ollie Norris on Hakoah's right wing — his first game for nearly a year. He was there because of the illness of Gerry Chaldi, and Bill Rowley's loss of form.

J.U.S.T. has done it again! The club fielded three classy newcomers against Melbourne on Sunday. They are Cedo Cirkovic, who played at left half, John Mratinkovic, a right-winger, and Vjekoslav ("Jake") Gakovic, who scored two good goals from inside-right.

Tommy Stankovic had been down with flu for a week and missed the chance to play with the newcomers.

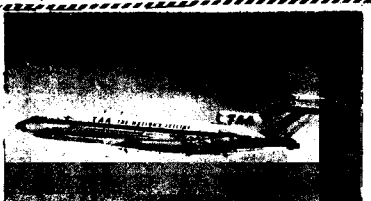
HOW many Soccer fans remember Miro Rozmetnitsky, former player and president of Slavia? As Michael Ross, he has been running the lounge and dining-room facilities of the Junction Hotel, St. Kilda, for many years.

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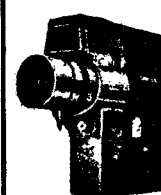
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ONLY A MIRACLE WILL STOP HELLAS

Five games to go, and Hellas still hold a clear two-point lead and a far superior goal average over George Cross. And nothing short of a miracle can depose the Greeks, at least this week, from top place.

George Cross should continue their challenge and retain second placing after Saturday.

With the next four points separating the first two from the last two. But this week's throat-cutting game between Juventus and J.U.S.T. is of great significance to all four—the result I mean.

JUVENTUS v. J.U.S.T.

The outcome of this game will have great significance for Slavia and Hakoah as well as for the contesting clubs. And a glance at the ladder shows that nothing short of a big clear cut win for J.U.S.T. will give them a step up, providing, of course, that Slavia and Hakoah slip up.

For Juventus a win would enhance their four prospects considerably. The pattern of the game could easily be that J.U.S.T. will try to outplay the bustling, busy and over-keen Juventus. But if the heavy grounds prevail this may not succeed.

It could be a hard, bitter clash to the end with the physical advantage of Juventus being offset by the sweeping build up and productive moves of J.U.S.T.

It could end in a draw.

GEORGE CROSS v. MELBOURNE

Still keeping within striking distance of Hellas without being convincing of late, George Cross once again need to exercise caution here.

For Melbourne, despite a certain sterility in attack, cover and defend well and in most games this season have impressed in defence.

If Archie Campbell makes his first team comeback, the Cross at tack could again be re-arranged with a place being found for the promising Brian Finch.

LIONS v. HAKOAH

This should be a grim struggle with the stakes high for both sides.

Lions desperate to register a win to close the gap with Triestina, whom they still have to play twice, are improved on their earlier season performances.

The past two games have seen Hakoah's eleven week undefeated run

18th round

brought abruptly to an end and their Australian Cup prospects are now anything but rosy.

But they have had their share of bad luck with key players Stenhouse, Chaldi and Purdie all out of action through injury.

Could be a high-scoring game here with a tight finish.

CROATIA v. TRIESTINA

Despite their reverse against Juventus, the Croatia side should get back on the rails here. And in no uncertain manner.

For with an array of talent, better teamwork and much slicker on the ball, their pulverising style of play should bring Triestina to their knees in quick smart time.

S.M. HELLAS v. POLONIA

If Hellas think they are on an easy thing here, they should think again. And ask George Cross for confirmation.

For Polonia, despite some rough edges, have plenty of go and fighting spirit in their younger brigade which is well backed by an experienced and able half line.

But Hellas is strong through the middle, sprightly on the wings and slicker to the ball are probably less prone to missing scoring chances than any other league side.

And for this reason alone I take them to beat Polonia.

SLAVIA v. WILHELMINA
Back with a bang and in a handy position in the four, Slavia are showing better teamwork now than they have done all season. Only erratic finishing stops them being nearly the complete side.

Against Wilhelmmina, however, they'll meet a dogged and determined side who came within an ace of surprising Hellas last Sunday.

It should be an open game with long passing style cutting out much of the midfield boredom.

But Slavia have more than the edge in teamwork and "know how" and should collect both points.

This was the scene in the mud at the Polonia v. George Cross match at Olympic Park on Saturday. Polonia surprised George Cross with their tenacity and the Cross were lucky to come out with a 1-0 win. — Photo Don Hruska.



Croatia full-back Besci is a picture of concentration as he clears the ball against Juventus on Saturday. The tall full-back has been one of Croatia's outstanding players in their recent run of successes.

Tommy shares lead

George Cross star Tom McPherson has joined Hellas champion Johnny Anderson at the lead in voting for the Soccer News Best and Fairest trophy.

WEEKEND'S VOTES

GEORGE CROSS v. POLONIA

2—Marmour (Pol.)
1—Janczyk (Pol.)
SLAVIA v. HAKOAH
3—Cook (Slav.)
2—Smith (Hak.)
1—Auchie (Slav.)

WILHELMINA v. HELLAS
3—Ackerley (Hellas)
2—Clark (Wil.)
1—Treffer (Wil.)

JUVENTUS v. CROATIA
3—McMeehan (Croat.)
2—Matjevic (Croat.)

3—Riche (J.U.S.T.)
2—Gakovic (J.U.S.T.)
1—Morgan (J.U.S.T.)

PROGRESS

24—Anderson (Hellas),
McPherson (G.C.)
22—Scott (Melb.)
18—Scott (Juv.)
15—Murney (Hak.),
Short (Slav.)
13—McKay, McMeehan (Croat.),
Hodgson (G.C.)

VAN ALPHEN MAY BE OUT FOR SEASON

Wilhelmina's Dick van Alphen is likely to be out for the rest of the year. He is almost certain to have a cartilage operation later this week.

A doctor has told Dick he is "100% sure" he has cartilage trouble in the left knee. He is awaiting X-rays to confirm this.

Dick had the cartilage removed from his right knee eight years ago in Holland. He expects it will be 10 weeks before he recovers from his proposed operation.

Meanwhile Dick has given away the coaching job at Wilhelmina. His place has been taken by club president John van Hoboken.

"It's not good to be player-coach," said Dick.

Wilhelmina were unlucky not to draw against Hellas on Sunday. They matched the Greeks in most positions, with Wally Clark outstanding in defence and young goalie Treffers turning in a good game.

INTERESTING

The four is now at an interesting position, with Hellas, George Cross, Juventus and Slavia in the top positions.

And it is likely to stay that way, with J.U.S.T. the possible threat to either Juventus or Slavia.

went through to be considered a threat, although they have done remarkably well to get where they have.

Juventus brought an end to Croatia's winning run and their form was a reviver for fans who have been disappointed in recent weeks.

Croatia could not handle the slippery conditions.

Hakoah coach Ollie Norris, who trains as hard as any other player, took the field for his first match of the year, against Slavia.

His move in making himself replacement for Bill Rowley has been on the cards for weeks now. Rowley has not struck the form that made him the top goalscorer in the Night Cup series.

STAR

Tommy McPherson again proved what an outstanding all-rounder he is with a terrific game for George Cross against Polonia. And he scored the goal that gave the match to the Cross to cap his fine display.

Polonia's youngsters did well to hold Cross for 90 minutes and they were unlucky not to at least

score a draw.

J.U.S.T.'s three new arrivals helped lift their side to a 4-2 win over Melbourne. The newcomers will certainly ensure J.U.S.T. remaining a power for the rest of the season and will enhance their chances of getting into the top four.

● One of the biggest shocks of last weekend's Soccer was the second half appearance on the Hakoah right wing of team-coach Ollie Norris. This was the first ever appearance for Hakoah. Ollie is a former Wilhelmina and Croatia player.

● Archie Campbell made a full scale come back on Saturday when he reappeared for the whole 90 minutes in the George Cross v. Polonia reserve game. His performance indicated he's likely to be in the George Cross line-up this week against Melbourne for he scored both goals in his side's 2-0 win.

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THEY RUSH FOR TICKETS FOR THE WORLD CUP

By JIM COOK

Next year's World Cup looks like being the biggest sell-out in the history of football.

There has been a mad rush for tickets and the World Cup offices at London's White City has taken on extra staff.

A staff of five has been doing nothing but opening envelopes in recent weeks. Foreign sales alone had brought in £130,000 in hard cash with a promise of more to come.

Officials expect that by the end of September over £400,000 worth of tickets will be sold — by the end of the year about £1 million worth.

This will ensure capacity crowds for the series.

SOCCER ON CLOSED CIRCUIT TV

Top Soccer games are likely to be shown on closed circuit TV in Britain this season.

Viewpoint Ltd., who have already had considerable success with boxing, are planning covering the European Cup matches involving Manchester United, Kilmarnock, Liverpool and Glasgow Celtic which would draw capacity audiences.

Ratepayers help club

Italian clubs have been in the headlines all season with the First Division clubs having a total debt of around £6 million. By all accounts the West Germans will soon be joining them . . . in the red.

Surprising, because gates are up everywhere in the West German Super League. Up from 8,100,000 spectators last season to 6,500,000 still with 16 more games to be played.

Top of the West German debtors are 1st FC Nurnberg.

They are around £200,000 in debt, but, luckily, the Town Hall is more than a little interested in the local clubs. Councillors passed a resolution to donate £55,000 of ratepayers money to the club . . . as a gift.

PLAY-OFF FARCE COULD PUT SCOTS IN BY BACK DOOR

Reprinted from the Weekly News, Scotland.

SCOTLAND and Italy could BOTH qualify for the World Cup finals —if a proposal to stage a play-off between a European country and the winners of the Afro-Asian group is agreed by F.I.F.A.

The idea is to select a side by drawing lots among Europe's nine section runners-up and then pair that country in a deciding match against the Afro-Asian No. 1—now certain to come from Australia, North Korea, or South Korea.

The point is that England's World Cup Organising Committee want to avoid the possibility of having finals marred by such no-contest ties as England v. Australia at Wembley, or Brazil v. South Korea at Old Trafford — pairings which are very much on the cards due to the chaotic situation existing in the Australia-Korea grouping.

Originally 19 teams were included in the group. They were the new "emerging" football countries, the African states, Australia, and the two Koreas. Ghana and Egypt were rated the two most likely to reach the zone final.

The idea was that the 18 countries should play a series of qualifying matches. For this purpose, F.I.F.A. split them into four sub-groups, with the four eventual winners scheduled to play-off to find the one representative for England in 1968.

BUT THE AFRICAN COUNTRIES THOUGHT THEY WERE ENTITLED TO MORE THAN ONE FINAL PLACE, AND WITHDREW IN PROTEST WITHOUT KICKING A SINGLE BALL.

South Africa were suspended by F.I.F.A., and therefore barred from the tourney. This left three countries high and dry in one lonely play-off section—Australia, North Korea, South Korea.

AUSSIES ARE FAVOURITES

The winners of this group for the moment are booked for a place in the final 16—and, on the face of it, it looks like Australia. That is, if any matches in the group are played at all.

None of the three involved can afford to fly back and forward to play ties on a home-and-away basis. So the three got together and decided that a tournament should be fixed in which all the matches in the group could be played at once.

But . . . Australia wanted the matches played in London and suggested Hong Kong, and South Korea suggested Djakarta, Rangoon, or New Delhi.

However, a compromise suggestion has been made to have the matches played in Cambodia November. But there still seems to be some doubt as to whether the two Korean teams will turn up.

Whatever happens, the Aussies are still favourites to come out on top. But they might yet have to contend with Scotland or Italy, or some other European eleven, before they can think about England and 1968.

The situation is even more farcical when you consider that Australia's chances of doing even moderately well in England are no better than, say, Albania's against England at CRICKET.

WHO'S THE MAN WITH THE CORN FLAKES?



Recognise the chap on the left pouring cornflakes at breakfast for the Watford players on their recent holiday at Loweswater, in the heart of the English Lake District. The players had three nights under canvas in a secluded valley surrounded by high mountains.

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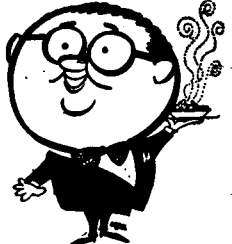
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SIR.—Morrie Buckner's comments on the Hakoah v. George Cross game in Soccer News, contain only half truths and conveniently ignore other important happenings in an attempt to fool readers who did not see the game.

Perhaps feeling guilty about the sending off of Hans Petersen, he completely ignored the incident itself and other incidents which contributed to the sending off of this player. He did not mention that one Hakoah player (who was also responsible for Petersen's downfall) persisted in dirty tactics during the game. This player was allowed to trip, kick and elbow players every time he was beaten. He did not mention the other Hakoah player who grinned broadly after he flattened Eddie Sacco, and the latter had to receive treatment. Or another incident, when a Hakoah player, back-heeled Tony Cassar right under the nose of Mr. Delange who was on the touch-line.

Another incident visible from all sections of the ground (we are told that at Middle Park no one is more than 30 yards from the ball) should have clearly caught Mr. Buckner's eye. I am talking about the time when Hakoah's goalie was stretched on the ground, and a shot at goal was saved by four hands right on the goal-line.

It is clear that because one of his favorite teams lost, he found all the technicalities concerning the referee's rights. He even praised Mr. Lamb for conducting the game in

the way he did. Yet earlier this season he blasted referees, when his favorites Hakoah and Slavia suffered, according to him, because of bad decisions by referees.

Regarding the disputed goal, Morrie Buckner should have got the information from the horse's mouth, so to speak. Immediately the goal was scored, one could see the desperation in the face of certain Hakoah players, who realised they had lost. One other matter, Mr. Lamb did not whistle before the ball went into the net, but simply pointed to the point where the alleged foul was supposed to have taken place.

Mr. Buckner's column should have been titled "Hakoah's Vice" for that issue of Soccer News.

—Yours,
Mike Scicluna,
123 Hertford Road,
Sunshine.

SIR.—I've heard that there are teams of any age group for players who don't quite make the senior ranks.

I'm 19 and have played for Moorabbin Tech. school and the Moorabbin Under 18 team. Can you help me with a club in my district of Mentone—Tony Martin.

Any club interested?—Editor.

Sir, After reading the latest issue of Soccer News and the articles and explanations given by the Officials of the two Clubs involved in the rumpus at Olympic Park recently, I felt compelled to comment on the stories printed.

I regularly visit Olympic Park, as I follow the current "form" teams. Thus I find myself following the fortunes of Croatia Club, because of the attractive brand of Soccer they are playing at the present time.

As I sat in the grandstand close to the origin of the trouble, I observed how the rumpus started. I do not believe that regular followers would be guilty of such actions. Consequently any statements by club officials of disbelief, astonishment as to the cause of the trouble is so much humbug.

Further, I have observed the manners and language of some Soccer followers and regret to say that their rather violent and primitive reactions to the play on the field, or presumably to other political views, will be kept in check only by the force of an adequate contingent of police constables. As the players are sportsmen on the field, I hope the supporters will be made to act the same way in the grandstand.

—M. RAISKUMS,
Oak St., Hawthorn.

TOURNAMENT AT MOOROOLBARK

Mooroolbark Soccer Club are organising the Lillies trophy tournament for September 18-19 and 25-26. Medals will be given to the winners.

Interested clubs should contact secretary A. J. van der Ploeg, 59 Cardigan Rd., Mooroolbark.



Hubert Geraerts, former Wilhelmina coach, claims he was "sacked for selecting a winning team".

He says he disobeyed the club president's instructions and picked the team which beat J.U.S.T. recently.

Geraerts claimed that Wilhelmina's club president, Mr. John van Hoboken, selected the team before he went overseas.

He said that against J.U.S.T. he couldn't play the exact team that Mr. Van Hoboken had

His winning team got him the sack

chosen because two of the players were not available.

He said that one was injured and the other had slept in and arrived at the ground late.

"The result was an eye opener for J.U.S.T., but most of all for everybody associated with Wilhelmina," Geraerts said.

"Everybody except Mr. van Hoboken. He wasn't happy at all and sacked me because I didn't follow up his instructions.

"I have great respect for the way Australia's support coach Norm Smith. What a pity we

don't get the same backing in Soccer.

"But when the men who are responsible for Australian Soccer sponsor you because of your Dutch and German qualifications, and don't give you the chance to improve a team, no wonder the game does not prosper in Victoria," added Geraerts.

The sacked coach, who is 36, is married with five children and lives in a house owned by the club president.

"I don't blame Mr. van Hoboken that he sacked me after I did my job as a qualified coach," said Geraerts.

"Great businessmen are important to run a club in every department, but they should stay away from coaching and training.

"Before I came to Australia two years ago, I coached a first division club at Rotterdam, in Holland. And to get a job like that I had to be qualified.

"Qualifications sometimes are not enough. You have to be able to handle the mental problems of the players and to be able to speak their language and make them understand.

"In Australia," claims Geraerts, "the main problem in Soccer after coaching and training is unhappiness among players. They can't settle down, they have house problems.

MUST BE FIT

"If some players really played good back home and they are out of touch here, then there must be a reason for it.

"And there's no need for me to say that for a player to play well he must be fit, especially mentally.

"Mr. van Hoboken sent for me to come to Australia, but I got the

wrong impression of Soccer here, because in the two years that I have been in Victoria I realise Soccer administration is poorly organised.

"Not enough qualified men run the game, and there are few coaches who are really qualified to coach.

"And as long as the qualified coach is not able to do his job the way he wants, there's no future for Soccer in Australia.

"And as long as there's not the right men on the right spot in every department, there's no hope for any improvements in Soccer in Australia," added Geraerts.

Springvale do it the hard way

Most clubs are trying to get promotion by buying players, but Springvale is trying to prove they can get to the top with their "own breed".

Six of the present first-team players were in the team that won the Under 4 Victorian championship at Shepparton in 1961.

The other players are all living in the area, and joined the club without expense. Coach Peter Brennan, who works in Springvale and lives in Dandenong, is an ex-Wilhelmina player who was given free of charge by Wilhelmina.

"Most of the 18 and 17 year olds in the first team, represented Victoria or metropolitan selection teams, and turn up for training twice a week.

"Not one penny will be spent to buy players. We have plenty of time," the secretary of Springvale Soccer Club, Mr. Rubens, said. "All the boys need is experience and confidence in front of goal."

Injuries have caused the team to drop a bit on the ladder, but the boys are full of enthusiasm.

"We can't see any satisfaction in buying promotion, but we will have satisfaction if we can prove to other wealthy clubs that it can be done with our own home-made juniors," Mr. Rubens said.



VERSATILE KEITH

If a medal or award were presented for the best utility player in State League — Keith van der Poel, of J.U.S.T., would be well in the running.

For Keith, a steady and reliable full back, has deputised admirably at centre half for Billy Rice, filled the centre forward position with success as well as having a go on the wing. In fact, this wholehearted player could pull a number out of a lucky bag and strike up a fair game in any position.

A product of Wilhelmina Juniors, Keith, who comes from Holland, transferred to Footscray Capri and then joined J.U.S.T. in the amalgamation with that club.

in the top Honors League alongside recent Lions capture, Harry Smith.

Slavia keeper Ray Barotajs had his left hand in bandages following his valiant attempt to save John O'Neill's penalty in the last minute of the game with Hakoah. Unless the swelling comes down quickly and the pain eases, there must be some doubt about him taking his place against Wilhelmina.

LIONS WON'T SELL OUT

Lions, down but not out, have gone to considerable lengths in recent weeks bringing good class players from overseas in an attempt to stop the rot and avert relegation. Now another two top class boys have arrived from Holland where they had quite a reputation in Soccer. They are 22-year-old inside forward or winger Bill Kerekian, who played first division with Hermes, and 23-year-old full back, Rene van Trecht, who played

Croatia goalie Chetcuti and Juventus centre-forward Jimmy Molloy clash for the ball at Olympic Park on Saturday.

JURECKI — WHAT NEXT?

By MARTIN ASTON

What is going to happen to Mike Jurecki next year?

His new club Polonia is still at the bottom of the Sydney competition and appears almost certain to be relegated from the first division.

One can hardly imagine Jurecki being content to play in the obscurity of second division but club officials say there is no reason why he should remain with Polonia next year.

It would be interesting to hear Jurecki's views on the subject because it is no secret that there are plenty of first division clubs in both Sydney and Melbourne who would jump at the chance of securing his services.

Victorian Soccer fans early next month will see an 18-year-old centre forward who refused a £45,000 offer to play with Lisbon.

He is Rosh Haishav, who played with Israel's first team when he was only 17.

Rosh will spearhead the attack for the Israeli champion team Hapoel Tel Aviv when they play a combined Hakoah-Hellas team under lights at South Melbourne on Wednesday night, September 1.

Rosh refused the Spanish offer because he wants to study. He is also due to be called up for National Service training soon. The offer is perhaps the biggest ever made to an Israeli player. And all football in Israel is strictly amateur.

Rosh was chosen as a junior apprentice with the national team last year. He got his chance in the team when the regular centre-forward lost form.

Six other Israeli internationals are also in the Hapoel team. The team will play two games in Australia, one in Melbourne and one in Sydney, on their way to the Merdeka Cup games in Malaysia next month. They may also play here on the way home.

Tour organiser is Michael Weinstein.

UNIONS

Hapoel is sponsored by trade unions in Israel. Most players in the country are students and policy of the clubs is to bring physical education to the nation.

Patron of Hapoel is the former Israeli Prime Minister, Ben Gurion.

The club was formed 50 years ago by the first Jewish settlers in Israel. It has played in every

country in Europe and toured Africa.

It is 30 years since an Israeli team was in Australia. And it is the first time in Victoria that an international club will play against a local club. Hakoah will pay hotel and travelling expenses for the party of 22.

NORM MISSES ON TRAINING

Norm Hobson has been dropped from Wilhelmina's team because his job keeps him away from training. Norm has been interstate in recent weeks.

Tis place has been taken by promising youngster Treffers, who was goalie for the Victorian Under 16 team last year.

IVAN TO WED

Ivan Eugene, chairman of the metropolitan league management committee and V.S.F. executive member, will marry Miss Astrid Dahl at the Roman Catholic Church, High St., Malvern, on November 20.

Juventus, now realising they can't win the championship, will be trying out young players from their reserve team each week. Their reserves, under Frangioni, have shot to the top of the State League Reserves ladder.

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What's wrong Dandenong?

Letter to the Editor:

J.U.S.T.'s ANSWER

Dandenong, after winning five games on the trot, suffered their fourth defeat in a row against Coburg last Saturday.

Dandenong are on the slide, and with four tough games ahead of them it's expected that many changes will be made to try and halt their slump.

Coburg took full advantage of Dandenong's weak back-line to win easily and move on to fourth position.

Box Hill's strong defence in which Davey Hunter was outstanding was mainly responsible for their 1-0 win over Makedonia.

The winning goal came in the 18th minute when John Spittall was upended in the penalty area, and Peter Keys scored from the spot.

Makedonia were continually on the attack in the second half, but their forward line was out of touch. Davey Hunter scored a tight rein on ace forward Arnold Peat and Pejovic didn't get a look in.

Considering the appalling weather the ground was in good condition.

RECOVERY

Moreland continued their fine recovery by an-

nihilating Oakleigh 7-2 at Campbell Reserve.

Conditions were had and this suited Moreland. Although Oakleigh scored first in three minutes, it didn't take Moreland long to race to a 3-1 half-time lead with 2 goals from Meiklejohn and one from Hiedel.

Carmichael and Clarke increased the lead to 5-1 before Oakleigh reduced arrears, but Clarke and Hiedel scored to complete the massacre.

Sandringham just got home by the odd goal in five against Athena in an exciting game.

Athena took the lead after 30 minutes when a long shot beat Sandy keeper Martin Betts. Sandringham had a set back when the usually reliable Brian Lawton missed a penalty.

However, George Drda equalised after 65 minutes when he took an indirect free-kick, which the Athena keeper should have let go, but he punched the ball into his own net. Three minutes later Brian Blacow gave Sandy the lead with a long drive.

Sandy scored their third goal in 10 minutes, when Neville Luyt passed to Phil Mahon on the right-wing who raced in to score a great goal from an acute angle.

Ten minutes from time when the goal was late.

TEAM EFFORT

This was a good team effort by Sandringham, whose best players were Don Barker, Billy Bell and Brian Lawton.

Following the award of

Sandringham's penalty. Athena players protested and one of them was ordered off by referee Maitland.

Sunshine City took a step nearer Division 2 following their defeat by Austria.

The game opened sensationally when almost straight from the kick-off the Austria centre-forward caught the City keeper unawares to score from nearly 40 yards.

Yards. McNeil equalised for City after 30 minutes, but Austria got the winner 10 minutes after the re-start.

Austria obviously unsettled the City boys by playing the off-side trap, which they used to advantage.

Sunshine City were handicapped by the absence of Johnny Sharpe who'll shortly be having a cartilage operation and Herby Seaman who suffered an accident at work, will be out for the rest of the season.

EASY WIN

Alexander continued on their merry way with an easy 5-0 win over Moonee Ponds.

With goals from Mastrovasilis, McLachlan, McQuillan and Mangopoulos they gained a 4 goal lead by the interval.

They relaxed in the only 10 minutes of the time that they got their fifth goal through Racovalis.

The Greek boys didn't get everything their own way and it took some great saves by Economidis to foil the Ponds-men.

I've seen Economidis play, and he's a better prospect than Sam Service and will stand them in good stead in the State League next year.

2nd DIVISION

Springvale celebrated the return of captain-coach, John Brennan with a good (6-3) over South Yarra.

Vale experimented by playing 16-year-old Daniel Pecola at centre-half and the move paid off as he played a fine game.

P. Rubens gave Vale the lead after 20 minutes, but two minutes later, South equalised, when their centre-forward scored. Brennan regained the lead for Vale just before half-time.

Rubens made it 3-1 three minutes after the re-start, but again South fought back to reduce the arrears. From this point on South ran out of puff, and it was all Vale.

Further goals from Brennan, Rubens and one following a scrimmage gave Vale a 6-2 lead, but five minutes from time South scored again.

In a good hard game, Park Rangers managed to score the upset of the round, by downing Brighton 2-1 to give their promotion hopes a severe jolt.

Joe Bray was the Rangers' hero, scoring both of their goals, one in each half.

St. Albans crashed badly in going down 2-5 to Richmond. Reason for their bad lapse was caused by blunders in their defence. Frangopoulos and Nowak were to blame.

Richmond deserve their win in the poor conditions. Inside left Welland was outstanding getting a hat-trick of goals. Both St. Albans' goals were scored by Klein.



Metropolitan round-up with Martyn Harris

3rd DIVISION

Waverley, who have not had the best of luck this season forced a well-earned 1-1 draw at Frankston.

Bill Blackley gave Waverley the lead after 20 minutes and the same player missed a penalty soon after. Waverley continued to press and were on top for most of the first half.

Although Frankston gained the initiative in the second term, they didn't equalise until 15 minutes from time.

Essendon and Altona fought out a thrilling 3-3 draw in perfect conditions, despite the bad weather.

Essendon's goals came from centre-forward Noel Conner (ex-Box Hill full back), Eddy Ray and C. Davis. This was Davis' eighth goal in seven games.

Essendon played Billy Morrison at right-half instead of outside-right and the move proved successful. They were without the services of Fred Schul who has measles, and his presence will be sorely missed as he has proved an inspiration to the side.

4th DIVISION

First, the match: Chelsea gained a 2-0 lead with goals from Logan and Chalkites, but by half-time Hercules levelled the scores with the aid of two penalties, gained within 10 minutes of each other.

Hercules gained the lead direct from a free-kick and increased it with an "own goal". Chelsea retaliated with the aid of another "own goal".

Now to the ball: Although this was Hercules' home game Chelsea supplied a brand new white ball, costing £8, as the home team hadn't a suitable one available. Following the game the ball disappeared.

Whether this was the fault of the referee or through some misunderstanding by Hercules as to whose ball it was, I don't know, but if anyone can throw some light on the subject, the Chelsea club would be very appreciative, as £8 is a lot of money to any Metropolitan club. Please ring Chel. 2965.

THIS WEEK

This week's 1st Division games could go a long way to solve the intriguing relegation puzzle.

Sunshine City, who are having a bad trot, can't be looking forward to their match against Moreland with much confidence. They are sitting firmly on the bottom rung behind Moreland.

On the other hand, Moreland are on the crest of a wave and have been undefeated for four games. I'm taking Moreland to win a closely fought game.

Another even game should be between Sandringham and Dandenong. Neither side has set the world on fire although Sandy had a good win over Athena last week.

Sandringham have never been beaten by Dandy at home, but Dandy will be all out to halt their slump, and I go for a draw.

Box Hill have now a useful side as their results have shown and

will be untroubled to beat Moonee Ponds.

Likewise, Coburg should have little difficulty in downing Oakleigh who collapsed badly against Moreland.

Alexander, now certain of promotion, showed last Saturday they are not becoming complacent, but it's possible they'll be without Racovalis and Mangopoulos who both suffered knee injuries. Alexander always have a struggle with Athena, and if these two players are missing the game could finish all square.

Makedonia have gone from bad to worse, with a team that early in the season was capable of reaching the State League, to one that is a mediocre outfit. Austria should take advantage of their poor form and gain two points.

2nd DIVISION

Have St. Albans cracked? That's the question being asked following their 2-5 defeat by Richmond. I can't answer this, but this Saturday's clash with Springvale should show some light. I'll stick with the Saints to topple Springvale.

Brighton have hit a bad patch, and their money will be on the Gully to top Brighton out of the promotion hunt.

Ringwood, the form-horses, will be untroubled to beat Third Division certainties South Yarra. Other winners: Richmond, Libertas and Park Rangers.

3rd DIVISION

The match of this round is the Trident Frankston game, and I'll go with Trident to cause a surprise and topple Frankston.

Ajax to beat Moorabbin, after a close game. Other winners: Croydon, Altona, Waverley and Essendon.

4th DIVISION

Chelsea, following their unlucky loss last week, should compensate with an easy win over Airport West.

Hercules look far too strong for St. Kilda and should clinch promotion to Division Three. Other winners: Tullamarine, Albion, Mooroolbark and Glenroy (walkover).

CLUB NEWS

Congratulations to Box Hill reserves who after 18 games have made certain of the 1st Division Reserves championship for the second year running. They have won all 18 games with the impressive goal average of 61 goals for and 9 against.

Alexander will hold a general meeting this Sunday at 72 Napier St., Fitzroy. All members must be present, as there are urgent matters on the agenda.

Tommy Campbell, of Park Rangers, sailed for England on the Fairstar last Monday and the club presented him with a trophy after last Saturday's game.

Park Rangers are also interested in obtaining the services of a goal-keeper. Interested parties contact secretary J. Stevens at 86 9186.

Don't forget I can be contacted at 78 61295 on Sunday mornings between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Don't say I didn't tell you!

STIR. — In your issue of August 5, you published a Statement by the Croatia Soccer Club President.

The Committee of Footscray J.U.S.T. Club was not only shocked by the very unpleasant riot, but also by the statement published by Croatia's officials.

We wish to remind the public that the history of events does repeat from time to time. This time it happened at Olympic Park during our last game against Croatia.

Who? In the past, many J.U.S.T. players have been attacked outside the ground and on the field. We know that some of the supporters are of aggressive nature and have attacked supporters as well.

During the last game, we progressed well. This time our whole team was attacked. On the resumption of the second half, beer bottles, flying broken beer glasses and cans were thrown at our players. This spectacular expressive and "civilized" support had been witnessed by many people including Victorian Soccer Federation officials. They were shocked and speechless.

Where? There was not a safe spot for honest and innocent people. The ground, streets and public places were all common sites of incidents.

Even if you were a commentator you would be in danger of being run over by a speeding car, purposely driven by some fanatic. Would this also fit in an organized event?

How? It was mentioned in your paper that knives

were used — hidden and dangerous weapons. We do also remind the public that besides knives, similar dangerous weapons were used, such as water pipes and hammers wrapped in newspapers, long pieces of hardwood, beer glasses and less harmful but just as effective — the fists. Many people were in possession of the fore-mentioned weapons. Would that also be a part of an organized event?

Footscray J.U.S.T. committee does not feel any need for defence; we are not winning a game with violence, abuse and threats. We have been known to the whole sporting world as a non-political organization and our aim is to promote good Soccer, to elevate it's standard and to be a loyal member of the Victorian Soccer Federation, as we have achieved in the past years.

Using a knife is a cowardly method for attack of defence. We can assure the sporting world that knives, water pipes and hammers are not our instruments to encourage our players to win. Why were they used only on our players and spectators?

To sum up the event, only our J.U.S.T. players were attacked.

We now wish to leave the whole matter to the sporting world to form their own opinion and judgment — how, where and who? We will always ask ourselves: Why?

Was that necessary? — A. KOVAC (President, J.U.S.T.).

(All correspondence on this matter is now withheld — EDITOR.)

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STATE LEAGUE

S.M.	Hellas	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
George Cross	17	12	3	2	46	15	27	
Juventus	17	11	3	3	36	16	25	
Slavia	17	11	0	6	32	19	22	
Hakoah	17	9	4	4	28	20	22	
J.U.S.T.	17	7	6	4	26	17	20	
Polonia	17	9	2	6	32	24	20	
Croatia	17	6	6	5	17	18	18	
Wilhelmina	17	7	7	3	29	25	17	
Melbourne	17	4	6	7	23	29	14	
Triestina	17	1	8	8	16	25	10	
Lions	16	1	3	12	13	51	5	
		16	0	2	14	10	49	2

STATE LEAGUE RESERVES

George Cross	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
17	11	3	3	4	27	25	
Hakoah	17	11	2	4	26	24	
Juventus	16	10	3	3	17	23	
Wilhelmina	17	10	0	7	63	45	
Croatia	16	8	2	6	49	33	
Slavia	17	7	2	8	37	33	
Polonia	17	7	2	8	37	36	
Lions	15	7	1	7	25	35	
J.U.S.T.	15	7	1	7	30	35	
Melbourne	16	6	2	8	44	44	
S.M.Hellas	17	4	2	11	18	43	
Triestina	16	0	16	8	109	49	

PROVISIONAL RESERVE LEAGUE

Frankston	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
15	13	2	0	6	15	26	
Altona	14	9	2	3	47	19	
Waverley	14	7	1	6	27	19	
Croydon	14	8	1	5	47	17	
Essendon	14	5	5	5	24	15	
Marion	14	5	5	5	24	15	
F.N.D.	13	5	1	7	24	21	
Heidelberg	14	3	2	9	19	44	
A.C.I.	14	3	3	8	10	17	
Northcote	13	3	0	12	6	52	

FIRST DIVISION

Alexander	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
18	15	1	2	5	17	31	
Makedonia	18	9	6	3	32	12	
Austria	18	7	6	5	22	23	
Coburg	18	8	3	7	33	29	
Box Hill	18	7	3	8	24	17	
Sandringham	18	6	4	8	21	16	
Athens	17	5	5	7	28	36	
Oakleigh	18	6	3	9	29	37	
Moonee Ponds	18	5	5	8	26	35	
Moreland	17	5	4	8	21	26	
Sunshine City	18	4	3	11	17	37	

SECOND DIVISION

St. Albans	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
18	12	2	4	5	20	26	
Fernree Gully	17	10	3	4	58	23	
Ringwood	18	10	3	5	50	23	
Richmond	18	9	5	4	38	23	
Libertas	17	8	6	3	34	22	
Springvale	18	8	6	4	42	24	
Brighton	18	8	3	6	34	28	
University	18	6	3	9	29	35	
Prahran	18	5	4	9	32	44	
Park Rangers	18	5	1	12	30	66	
Bayswater	18	2	4	12	25	42	
South Yarra	18	2	2	14	33	69	

THIRD DIVISION

Frankston	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
18	14	1	3	6	14	29	
Ajax	18	12	2	4	42	21	
Trident	17	13	0	4	36	19	
Altona	18	12	2	4	36	27	
Moorabbin	18	10	1	7	52	21	
Essendon	17	8	7	2	26	18	
F.N.D.	18	6	4	8	43	16	
Waverley	18	6	4	8	31	29	
Heidelberg	18	6	2	10	20	24	
Northcote	18	4	4	10	23	44	
Croydon	18	3	2	13	21	53	
I.C.I.	18	0	2	16	15	78	

FOURTH DIVISION

Hercules	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
18	15	3	0	6	20	33	
Albion	17	13	2	2	12	24	
Glenroy	17	12	2	3	56	14	
St. Albans	18	10	5	3	29	25	
St. Kilda	18	10	0	8	40	20	
Tullamarine	16	9	1	6	38	19	
Moorebank	18	8	2	8	59	47	
Helvetic	18	6	4	8	37	44	
Olympic	18	6	3	9	34	45	
Lilydale	18	4	1	13	25	79	
Airport West	18	1	1	16	21	101	
Melita	18	0	18	6	35	0	

FIRST DIVISION RESERVES

Box Hill	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
18	18	0	0	61	9	36	
Dandenong	18	11	3	4	54	25	
Sunshine City	17	10	4	3	45	17	
Moreland	18	8	5	5	21	23	
Sandringham	18	10	0	8	53	31	
Makedonia	18	7	3	8	23	37	
Alexander	18	6	3	9	32	37	
Austria	17	5	3	9	29	36	
Oakleigh	18	4	5	9	19	45	
Coburg	18	5	2	11	23	35	
Moonee Ponds	18	4	2	12	16	41	
Athens	18	2	4	12	17	60	

SECOND DIVISION RESERVES

Brighton	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
16	13	1	2	6	17	27	
University	16	9	2	5	26	23	
Park Rangers	17	9	2	6	38	24	
Prahran	17	8	2	7	36	31	
St. Albans	16	8	2	6	29	26	
Springvale	17	6	2	9	31	33	
Libertas	16	4	5	7	14	26	
Fernree Gully	16	5	3	8	19	30	
South Yarra	16	5	4	7	26	47	
Bayswater	16	6	0	10	31	39	
Ringwood	17	4	4	9	26	42	

OVERSEAS RESULTS

CHELSEA DRAW

AARHUS, DENMARK.
Chelsea and Aarhus drew 0-0 in a friendly soccer match on Sunday. Although Chelsea played the better football, they were not aggressive enough to get past the Aarhus defence.

ENGLISH FRIENDLIES

LONDON. Results of football matches played on Saturday:

Aldershot 3, Brentford 1; Bath City 1, Torquay Utd. 2; Bradford 5, York City 3; Bury 4, Carlisle United 1; Barrow 4, Morton 1; Colchester United 1, Luton Town 2; Colwyn Bay 1, Chester 2; Gillingham 3, Charlton Athletic 2; Grimsby Town 4, Bishop Auckland 1; Gainsborough Trinity 0, Lincoln City 1; Gateshead 2, Berwick Rangers 1; Hillingdon 0, Reading 1; Halifax Town 3, Oldham Athletic 5; Manchester City 1, Dundee 2; Morecambe 3, Worthington 3; Oxford Utd. 2, Derby County 2; Rhyd. 1, Wrexham 3; St. Albans 0, Northampton Town 2; Sunderland 0, Celtic 5; Scarborough 0, Bradford City 3; Southall 0, Watford 4; Wellington 2, Newport County 4; Yeovil 2, Exeter City 6.

ENGLAND

LESTER CUP, Ballymena

United 4, Cliftonville 1; Bangor 2, Coleraine 2; Crusaders 4, Glentworth 1; Derry City 6, Ards 0; Glenavon 4, Distillery 2; Linfield 3, Portadown 1.

WORLD CUP

BARRANQUILLA, COLOMBIA. Colombia beat Chile by three goals to zero in a World Soccer Cup (Sth. American Group Two) qualifying match here on Saturday. Colombia have now won two games out of three.

NEW YORK

Polonia beat New Yorkers 3-0 in the first leg of the final last Sunday. Yesterday they defeated New Yorkers 2-1 to take the title by an aggregate of 5-1.

MOSCOW

Results in the Soviet Russian Football championship on Friday were: Locomotive of Moscow 1, Dynamo of Minsk 4; Wings of the Soviet (Kushchev) 2, Pakhtakor (Tashkent) 2. On Saturday Moscow Torpedo 1, Moscow Spartak 0.

Last week

STATE LEAGUE

Juventus 2, Croatia 1; Triestina v. Lions (postponed); Hakoah 1, Wilhelmina 0; S.M.Hellas 1; J.U.S.T. 4, Melbourne 2.

STATE LEAGUE RESERVES

Athens 2, Sandringham 3; Dandenong 0, Coburg 3; Moreland 7, Oakleigh 2; Moonee Ponds 0, Alexander 3; Makedonia 0, Box Hill 1; Sunshine City 1, Austria 2.

FIRST DIVISION

Athens 2, Sandringham 3; Dandenong 0, Coburg 3; Moreland 7, Oakleigh 2; Moonee Ponds 0, Alexander 3; Makedonia 0, Box Hill 1; Sunshine City 1, Austria 2.

SECOND DIVISION

Park Rangers 2, Brighton 1; Fernree Gully 5, University 0; Prahran 1, Libertas 7; Ringwood 5, Bayswater 4; Springvale 5, St. Albans 2.

SECOND DIVISION RESERVES

Fernree Gully 0, University 1; Prahran 4, Libertas 7; Ringwood 5, Bayswater 4; Springvale 5, St. Albans 2.

THIRD DIVISION

Heidelberg 0, Ajax 2; Moorabbin 3, Northcote 2; Essendon 3, Ajax 3; F.N.D. 4, Croydon 1; Frankston 1, Waverley 1; I.C.I. 0, Trident 3.

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE

Moorabbin 1, W.O. v. Northcote 1; Essendon 1, Albion 4; F.N.D. 0, Croydon 5; Frankston 1, St. Kilda 1; Melita 1, Lilydale 1; I.C.I. 0, by.

FOURTH DIVISION

Airport West 0, Helvetic 1; Tullamarine 1, Albion 1 (postponed); Glenroy 1, Olympic 0; Hercules 4, Chelsea 3; Mooroolbark 4, St. Kilda 1; Melita 1, Lilydale 1; I.C.I. 0, by.

NEW SOUTH WALES

South Coast	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
11	3	2	8	20	24		
Geelong	10	3	4	3	40	12	
Apia	10	6	4	4	23	20	
Yugali	8	5	3	2	21	19	
Probus	7	5	2	3	24	15	
Hakoah	5	7	4	3	37	14	
Metro	4	5	3	2	43	13	
W.R.E.	4	5	2	4	25	15	
Pon Helvetic	2	8	5	2	38	9	
Polonia	2	10	4	1	29	8	

SOUTH AUSTRALIA—DIV. I

Home	Goals	Away	Goals	Pts
Lions	1	1	1	2
Croft	1	1	1	2
Adelaide	1	1	1	2
Adelaide	1	1	1	2
Adelaide	1	1	1	2
Adelaide	1	1	1	2
Adelaide	1	1	1	2
Adelaide	1	1	1	2
Adelaide	1	1	1	2
Adelaide	1	1	1	2

SOUTH AUSTRALIA—DIV. II

Home	Goals	Away	Goals	Pts
Polonia	1	1	1	2
Polonia	1	1	1	2
Polonia	1	1	1	2
Polonia	1	1	1	2
Polonia	1	1	1	2
Polonia	1	1	1	2
Polonia	1	1	1	2
Polonia	1	1	1	2
Polonia	1	1	1	2
Polonia	1	1	1	2

WEST AUSTRALIA STATE LEAGUE

Home	Goals	Away	Goals	Pts
Tricolours	1	1	1	2
Tricolours	1	1	1	2
Tricolours	1	1	1	2
Tricolours	1	1	1	2
Tricolours	1	1	1	2
Tricolours	1	1	1	2
Tricolours	1	1	1	2
Tricolours	1	1	1	2
Tricolours	1	1	1	2
Tricolours	1	1	1	2

WEST AUSTRALIA—DIV. I

Home	Goals	Away	Goals	Pts
Croft	1	1	1	2
Croft	1	1	1	2
Croft	1	1	1	2
Croft	1	1	1	2
Croft	1	1	1	2
Croft	1	1	1	2
Croft	1	1	1	2
Croft	1	1	1	2
Croft	1	1	1	2
Croft	1	1	1	2

Has the Argus medal had it?

FIVE weeks to go and the Argus Medal best and fairest award will be decided.

And this prompts the question. With the Argus out of circulation since 1957, should the name be changed?

This point is made by the donor, Bill Fleming, former Argus journalist now with the Herald. So if any reader has any ideas

on the subject they should write to me at Soccer News, 52 Fitzroy St., St. Kilda. The award itself is decided by a weekly vote which is kept top secret by the Referees covering

the State League matches.

And the vote is based on the skill by a player as well as his character and temperament shown on the field of play.

This makes guessing hard.

WASH OUT-IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE



WHAT a shocking state of affairs when a crowd turn up to see a Soccer match that doesn't exist! What's wrong you may ask.

Early on Friday if anyone had taken the trouble to look at the Maribyrnong ground they would have known that there was no hope in the wide world of Triestina and Lions playing there the following day.

But all the same, the poor public turned up. Why didn't someone inspect the ground on Friday and arrange another venue?

The answer is simple. No one is responsible for making such intelligent decisions in Soccer today.

And so it goes on, mistake after mistake. Just another let down for the customers — the poor people who keep our game going.

● UNION OBSTACLES

The Player's Union will have to overcome a lot of obstacles before they can count on the solid support of State League players. But in the meantime, they are by no means sleeping.

Mike de Bruykere, the Secretary, tells me that he hopes to arrange a joint meeting with his counterpart in Sydney to exchange views and ideas on the best way of promoting the Players' Association in Australia.

For some, but not for Ernie Ackerley (Hellas) and Peter Laraman (Slavia). Both have scored 3 goals this season and lead the State League goal scorers' list.



Bobby McLachlan, Croatia full back, who has played for Chelmsford City (England), Morton (Scotland), Apia (Sydney) and Slavia and Lions in Melbourne. He's married and lives in St. Kilda. He works in partnership with Hugh Murney, Hakoah wing half, in a housing renovation business.

Talk is that a leading Victorian businessman will sponsor this year's Australia Cup competition. He's a club president, has built a beautiful stadium in one of our suburbs, and makes frequent trips to Europe. Guess who?

Melbourne are prepared to permit Adila Abonyi to try his luck in England providing the player gets a proper club contract offered with everything sewn up to protect him and the Hungarian club.

British Soccer Pools will start next Saturday with Scottish fixtures for August 14. They will award 3 points for a draw at half-time, plus 3 points for a draw at full time. So all you Treble Chance fans had better start thinking about the British season. And remember, to be in it to win it you MUST have your copy of Soccer News with you this year. Take a tip from me, and place a regular order now. Tell your mates, too!

Want a good night out? Go to Park Rangers' cabaret-dance at Olympia Room, Swan Street, on Friday, August 20, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tickets from John Stephen, 86 9186. Selling fast.

Babis van Vagas, the former Hellas goalie, who is a leading City men's time for Soccer. Take a look at Hercules' fine unbeaten record in the Fourth Division. I hear he's doing some coaching for them — and what a job too. He not only shows them how to win but also how to dress. Good on you Van!

Richmond, the second division club, had about after their big something to brag win over leaders St. Albans, on Saturday. But this Saturday, at 1.30 p.m., secretary Horst Bormann, tells me, the club will celebrate again when right winger Fritz Rauch weds Miss Helga Sontheimer at St. John's Church, on the corner of Hoddle St. and Victoria Pde., East Melbourne. Helga has been in Australia only two weeks and she comes from Munich. Best man will be Richmond defender Bruno Fink and the reception will be held at Bodo Bormann's house in Bulleen. No, Fritz will not play Soccer on his wedding day!



Charlie Perkins, the Sydney University student who led the abduction of six-year-old Fijian girl, Nancy Prasad at Sydney Airport last week, and who is a part aboriginal, is a well-known Soccer player in Australia. The 29-year-old Perkins was for some time captain-coach of Croatia in Adelaide and worked his passage to England where he played with leading amateur club, Bishop Auckland.

George Cross right-winger Finch gets up high to head the ball backwards towards goal in the match against Polonia on Sunday, August 29. Make a note of this and don't miss out.

J.U.S.T. supporters will welcome their three new players — inside right Vjekoslav Gakovic, left half Cedimir Cirkovic and right winger John Mratinkovic, at their Olympia Room social at Swan Street on Saturday night at 8 o'clock. Secretary Otto Gabel says it will be a good night and all are welcome.

Soccer followers will wish Slavia president Tony Pavlas good luck on Saturday when he marries beautiful Irena Jelinkova at St. John's Church, East Melbourne. Irena has only been in Australia a few months. It took her 17 years before she finally received word she could leave Czechoslovakia. Tony is catering manager at University House. They proposed by mail 10 years ago. Tony is one of the most popular officials in the game and has worked hard since he came to Melbourne in 1950 having had a restaurant in Elizabeth Street before taking up his present position. The reception will be held in South Belgrave and the happy couple will leave for a honeymoon in Queensland.

Johnny Bell, the Juventus inside forward, chalked up his ninth goal of the season when he scored against Croatia.

JOHNNY IN FORM

Turning in displays that make this his best season ever, is former Box Hill player, Johnny Bedford, now with Hellas. Struck down by hepatitis two years ago which kept him out of the game for a prolonged spell, Johnny showed unimpressive form in the early stages of his come-back and switched to Australian Rules. Now it seems that the Australian-born Johnny has produced his best form and said goodbye to the Rules game.

Polonia's impressive defensive record this season — they've lost just over a goal per game — is a tribute to teenage full backs Marmour and Blank, as well as goalie Snopkowski.

John O'Neill, the Hakoah centre half, and Jim O'Neill, the inside forward, are both Irishmen. But with a difference. John the former Preston North End centre half was born in Dublin and played for Sunderland and Walsall as well as being capped for Eire.

It's been a lean season so far for Frank Donlevy, the Juventus wing half, who last year won the Sporting Globe Award and has recently been out of the first team.

A big day in Victorian Soccer and one that could be a decider for the league championship is the meeting of South Melbourne Hellas and George Cross at Middle Park on Sunday, August 29. Make a note of this and don't miss out.

Longest serving player in the George Cross side is right back Eddie Sacco one of the few remaining Maltese in the team. Eddie, who is in his seventh season with the club, is married to an English girl and works with Ford at Broadmeadows.

This could be the last season in Australian Soccer for the evergreen Billy Copeland, of Triestina, and man of many clubs. For Billy is making arrangements to go to Stony Point, New York, and settle there for good. The left winger will be no stranger in the States as he has already had a spell over there. Look out for the "Billy Copeland Story" in Soccer News before the end of the season.

While Croatia are thickening their squads, hear they are negotiating with several top class players from overseas, which if they arrive, will make them a bigger force than ever next season.

If Lions do go down there'll be no mass transfers, from the club. The management have made this clear to the players, for they reckon if the set-up remains the same, the "new look" Lions will be almost a certainty to regain their State League status in one year. And I'm inclined to agree with them.

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